

SB 5610-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that a strong watershed-based locally implemented plan is essential for local, regional, and statewide salmon recovery.

Provides that, by December 1, 2006, the governor shall submit a report to the legislature regarding the implementation of the state's salmon recovery strategy.

Requires the report to summarize the monitoring data coordinated by the monitoring forum. The summary must include but is not limited to data and analysis related to: (1) Measures of progress in fish recovery;

(2) Measures of factors limiting recovery as well as trends in such factors; and

(3) The status of implementation of projects and activities.

Provides that the governor's salmon recovery office shall gather regional recovery plans from regional recovery organizations and submit the plans to the federal fish services for adoption as federal recovery plans. The governor's salmon recovery office may also: (1) Assist state agencies, local governments, landowners, and other interested parties in obtaining federal assurances that plans, programs, or activities are consistent with fish recovery under the federal endangered species act;

(2) Act as liaison to local governments, the state congressional delegation, the United States congress, federally recognized tribes, and the federal executive branch agencies for issues related to the state's salmon recovery plans; and

(3) Provide periodic reports pursuant to RCW 77.85.020.

Repeals RCW 77.85.070 and 77.85.210.